

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 92-045-S - ORDER NO. 92-33
JANUARY 21, 1992

IN RE: Staff Petition for a Rule to Show Cause) RULE TO
 Against Midlands Utility, Inc. for) SHOW CAUSE
 Failure to Give Proper Notice.)

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Commission Staff's (Staff's) Petition for a Rule to Show Cause against Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands). Staff asserts that on or about January 13, 1992, Midlands notified certain customers that it intended to discontinue their sewer service within 3 to 5 days.¹ Staff contends that the notice provided by Midlands to these customers may not comply with Commission Regulation 103-535.1 (Supp. 1991) and, accordingly, requests that the Commission issue a Rule to Show Cause Order requiring Midlands to establish why it should not have to give notice pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 103-535.1. While it contends it has not violated any of the Commission's notice provisions, Midlands asserts it will not discontinue sewer service until the Commission has had the opportunity to consider the notice issue.

1. Staff was informed of this information through a telephone conversation with a Midlands' customer.

Upon consideration of the Staff's Petition and Midlands' response, the Commission hereby issues a Rule to Show Cause upon Midlands requiring it to show why it should not provide its customers with the notice provisions of Regulation 103-535.1 (Supp. 1991) prior to the disconnection of sewer service. It is further ordered that Midlands cease and desist from any discontinuance of service until the Commission has had an opportunity to rule on this matter. Finally, it is ordered that this matter be scheduled for a hearing in an expeditious manner.


IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

VICE

Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

(SEAL)